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Women in the Acquisition Workforce: Maggie Sizer



This month in conjunction with Women's History Month, Human Capital Initiatives (HCI) is spotlighting women in the Acquisition Workforce. Today, we spotlight HCI Program Management Analyst Ms. Maggie Sizer.

Ms. Sizer began her government civilian career as an intern at the U.S. House of Representatives in 2011 supporting Congressman Tim Walz. Upon graduating from college, she started her professional career at the DoD, Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) leading their small business human capital strategy, overseeing Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act certification courses, supporting the stakeholders of OSP with off-sites and talent management forums through May 2018. It was from 2018 to present that Ms. Sizer has supported HCI as a Program Manager (PM) for several large programs supported by HCI.

Ms. Sizer is the PM of the Public-Private Talent Exchange (PPTe) Program that is an experiential learning and professional development program to expose participants to best business practices, develop business acumen and leadership skills, and enhance cross functional teams and government/industry communication. Ms. Sizer has led approximately 27 participants in the PPTe Program.

Ms. Sizer is also the PM for the annual Defense Acquisition Workforce Awards Ceremony, which is a competitive program to honor the outstanding acquisition civilians and military supporting the Warfighter. The ceremony recognizes the Acquisition Workforce composed of 185,000 civilian and military professionals from all Services and Field Agencies. This year, HCI's ceremony included 34 Awards comprised of approximately 90 individuals. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Sizer was instrumental at pivoting from planning an in-person ceremony to a completely pre-recorded virtual ceremony, hosted by the former Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Ms. Ellen M. Lord. Ms. Sizer quickly realigned her focus from an in-person ceremony, to coordinating with Defense Acquisition University (DAU) and calling on our partners at Protocol and Video Services to assist. On 15 December 2020 when the ceremony first aired on Defense.gov, HCI confirmed that more than 10,000 people viewed the ceremony. Her attention to detail, responsiveness and forward thinking is the recipe that makes this program so successful.

Ms. Sizer is also the PM for the Early Career Workforce (ECW) Advisory Group, which is a group of nearly 20 DoD Acquisition professionals who were recommended by their respective Defense Acquisition Career Managers to serve as an advisory council of mid-level professionals. They have reviewed and provided edits to legislative policy and written white papers for the OUSD(A&S). HCI routinely provides monthly speakers to the group on topics of interest to further their perspective and keep them apprised of updating policies and programs.

It is with great pride that we salute Ms. Maggie Sizer as an exceptional member of the Acquisition Workforce, and leading as a great example to other young women professionals in the Acquisition Workforce supporting the Warfighter.